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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,858 (Blaukovitsch) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,260 (Tanoue). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that claims 1-11 are patentable over Blaukovitsch and Tanoue for at least the following reasons.

Blaukovitsch is directed to an optical disc copy management system. As correctly noted by the Examiner, Blaukovitsch does not teach or suggest a sector having a field (S4T) that stores a value Ri which is randomly changed with each write access to said sector, as recited in independent claim 1. Tanoue is cited in an attempt to remedy this deficiency in Blaukovitsch.

Tanoue is directed to optical information recording medium that "reduces degradation of signal quality or difficulties in signal reproduction." (Column 2, lines 18-19) Thus, Tanoue is concerned with better copying and teaches away from the present

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invention as recited in independent claim 1, which specifically recites a "method for providing copy-protection." Instead of copy-protection, Tanoue is concerned with enhancing copying and preventing "the quality of a signal to be reproduced from degradation or signal reproduction from becoming difficult even when information is repeatedly recorded, thereby preventing degradation in reliability in data reproduction." (Column 2, lines 23-27) Thus, Tanoue is diametrically opposite the present invention as recited in independent claim 1 and teaches away therefrom.

Further, as correctly noted by the Examiner on page 3, lines 6-7, Tanoue teaches "randomizing sector locations within the storage medium" where data is rewritably recorded. (Emphasis added) It is respectfully submitted that randomizing sector locations is different from a stored "value Ri which is randomly changed with each write access to said sector", as recited in independent claim 1. This feature is nowhere taught or suggest in Blaukovitsch and Tanoue, alone or in combination.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully

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requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-11 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claim 1.

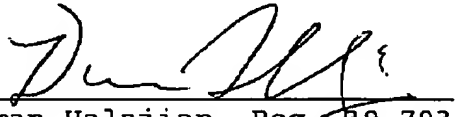
In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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